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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S VISIT

REF: STATE 089565 SENT FROM CARACAS

1. PARA 4 B OF REFTTEL ON AMB EBERLE'S VISIT TO ARGENTINA, CONTAINS FOLLOWING SENTENCE: "USG SEEKING REFORM OF COUNTERVAILING DUTY LAWS AND TRA WOULD GIVE SECRETARY OF TREASURY DISCRETION IN ITS APPLICATION IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT PROBABLY BECAUSE OF TIMING NOT IN CASE WHERE INVESTIGATION ALREADY UNDERWAY."

2. POSSIBLE APPLICATION OF TRA TO COUNTERVAILING DUTY ACTION BY US ON SHOES IS CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT BY GOB. EBERLE PARTY WILL REMEMBER THAT BATISTA, CHIEF, ECON DEPT, FONOFF, RAISED THIS QUESTION DURING SOCIAL OCCASION AFTER BUSINESS MEETINGS DURING DAY. HE WISHED TO KNOW IF AFTER PASSAGE OF TRA, US COULD SUSPEND ANY COUNTERVAILING DUTY ACTION INPROCESS OR ALREADY TAKEN. RESPONSE BY AMB EBERLE WAS THAT IT CERTAINLY WAS LEGALLY POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH IT COULD BE POLITICALLY DIFFICULT.

3. WHILE DISCUSSION WAS BRIEF, WE BELIEVE THAT BATISTA CONSIDERED RESPONSE AS POSITIVE AND HOPEFUL. STATEMENT
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MADE BY EBERLE PARTY IN BUENOS AIRES SEEMS MORE

PESSIMISTIC. SINCE MATTER IS IMPORTANT TO BOTH
COUNTRIES, WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION IN ORDER
TO AVOID POSSIBLE LATER MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND RECRIMINATIONS.
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